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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir:

During this period of public comment, I would like to add my opinion on the Microsoft Anti-Trust Settlement which is based on my experience in the use of both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer.

I have been a user of both Windows 95 and Windows 98SE. Both packages were bundled with Netscape Navigator and Windows Explorer. I found Netscape Navigator to be buggy, difficult to use, and to lack the desirable features which Internet Explorer contained. After about four months of use I deleted the Netscape Navigator in favor of Internet Explorer which I found to be a superior program. During the time which I used Netscape Navigator I downloaded an update to the program version which I had and found no material improvement in its use or capability. I am glad that Microsoft made both programs available so that I could compare them both through actual use.

I see no difference between Microsoft's action and the actions of two hotels: one hotel offering free services to its customers for which a second hotel charges. I believe that the current litigation simply rewards competitors for inferior products, provides unearned income for state government, and punishes the computer users. Since Microsoft has agreed to remedy any technical violation of the law, then I believe that further punishment is unwarranted and the suit should be closed.

Sincerely,

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